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# Osteopathic Oath

I do hereby affirm loyalty to the profession I am about to enter.

I will be mindful always of my great responsibility to preserve the health and life of my patients, to retain their confidence and respect, and to be a neighbor and a friend.

I will guard their secrets with

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I will be ever vigilant in aiding

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I will look with respect and

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I do hereby affirm loyalty to the profession I am about to enter.

I will be mindful always of my great responsibility to preserve the health and life of my patients, to retain their confidence and respect both as a physician and a friend who will guard their secrets with scrupulous honor and fidelity, to perform faithfully my professional duties, to employ only those recognized methods of treatment consistent with good judgement and with my skills and ability, keeping in mind always nature's laws and the body's inherent capacity for recovery.

I will be ever vigilant in aiding the general welfare of the community, sustaining its laws and institutions, not engaging in those practices which will in any way bring shame or

discredit upon myself or my profession. I will give no drugs for deadly purposes to any person, though it be asked of me.

I will endeavor to work in accord with my colleagues in a spirit of progressive cooperation, and never by word or by art cast imputations upon them or their rightful practices.

I will look with respect and esteem upon all those who have taught me my art. To my college I will be loyal and strive always for its best interests of the students who will come after me. I will be ever alert to further the application of basic biologic truths to the healing arts and to develop the principles of osteopathy which were first enunciated by Andrew Taylor Still.





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## TO THE CLASS OF 2001

**My congratulations to the UMDNJ-School of Osteopathic Medicine Class of 2001.** Your accomplishment places you among the elite of the graduating osteopathic medical students. We are very proud of each and every one of you. We also welcome you to our Alumni Association and trust that you will always consider yourself part of our ever growing community.

This is an exciting and challenging time for new physicians. You have learned treatment and prevention modalities unknown to man just a short time ago. As a result of your four years in medical school, you have the skills to carry out the work of the most noble of professions. In this time of great discovery, you will continue to benefit from invention and innovation to eradicate disease and prevent illness. Although new technology allows you to

practice medicine as never before, always remember that the physician's role is to enrich the quality of life for pa-

tients. Remember always, no drug can replace the empathy and healing hands of a well trained, attentive and dedicated physician.

**As you enter practice, you will appreciate that you are unique. You are more comprehensively trained by virtue of being osteopathic physicians than any other health care provider.** You have the knowledge and skills to pursue the choices you want in the future while being steeped in the long and proud

tradition of more than a century of osteopathic care giving skills. The work is hard; the rewards great.

Our best wishes and congratulations to you. I wish you success in your professional endeavors.



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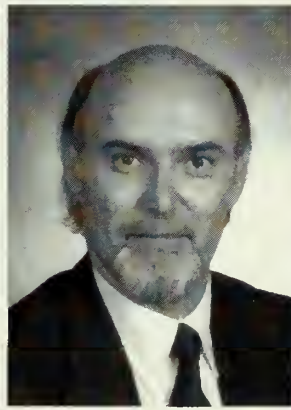
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*This is a most exciting time in the history of medicine and osteopathic medical education. Indeed, you have earned the right to be very proud of the many outstanding accomplishments made at SOM. You completed your pre-clinical education and successfully participated in the unique opportunity offered to osteopathic physicians to learn a wide range of skills in a clinical setting. At UMDNJ-School of Osteopathic Medicine, you've gained the medical knowledge and skills to prepare you to provide the highest quality health care for your patients.*

*We wish you the best as you continue your medical careers. We applaud the fact that many of you have chosen to pursue careers in primary care, the traditional stronghold of the osteopathic medical profession. As alumni of UMDNJ-School of Osteopathic Medicine we look forward to maintaining a lifetime association with you.*

*We congratulate each of you on your accomplishments. We wish you every success as you go forward in your medical careers.*

*Sincerely,*

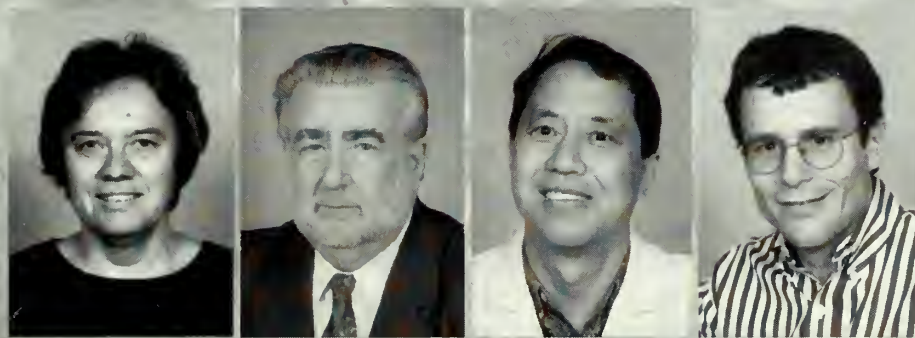
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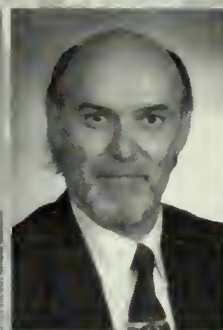
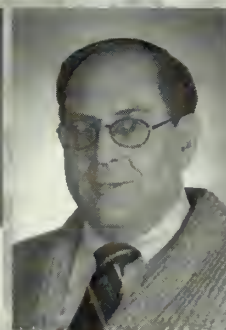
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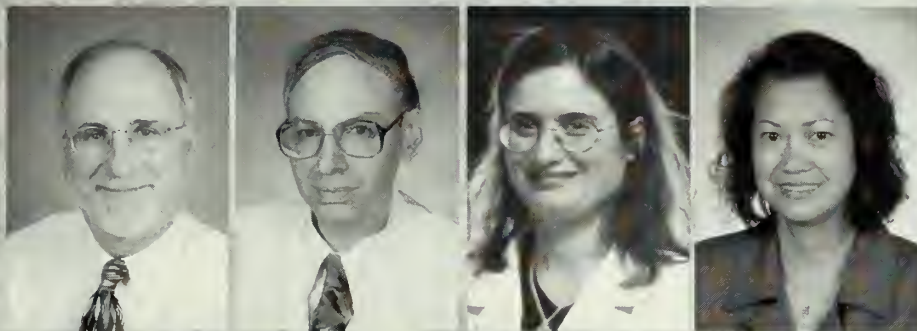


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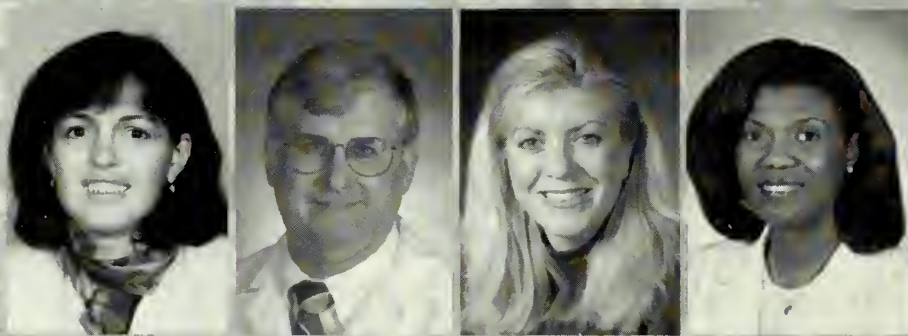
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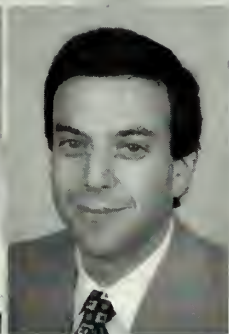


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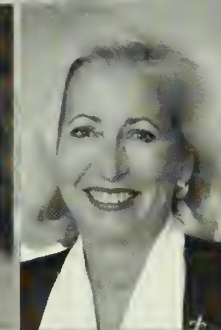


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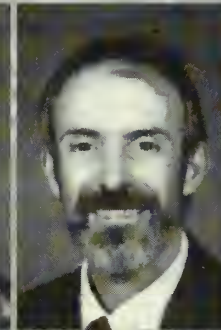
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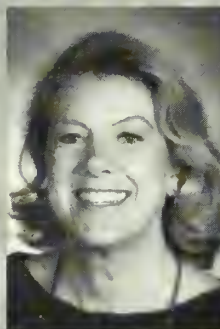
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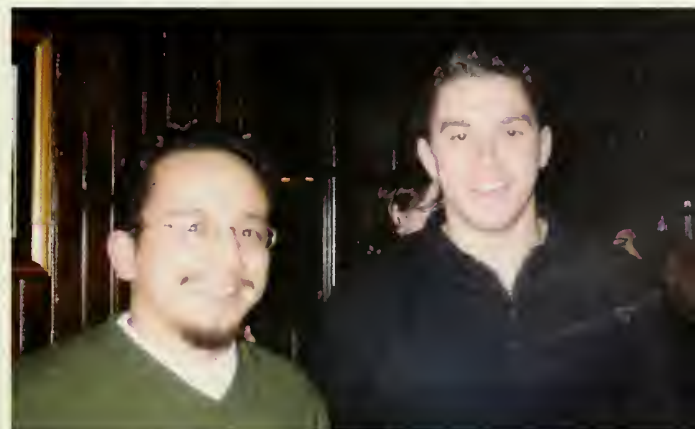
















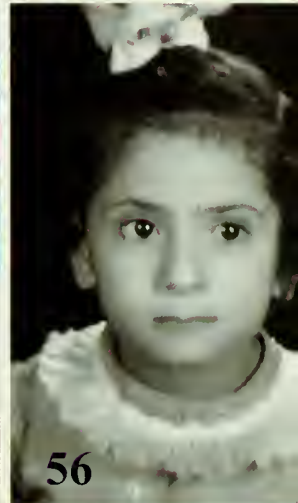












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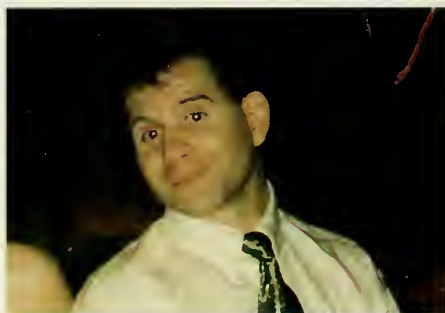
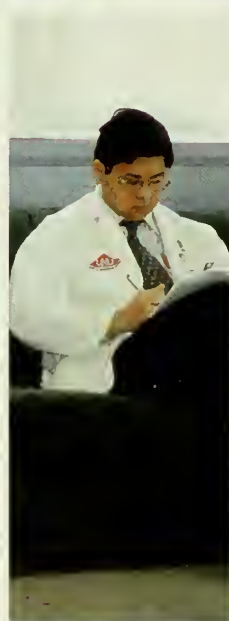








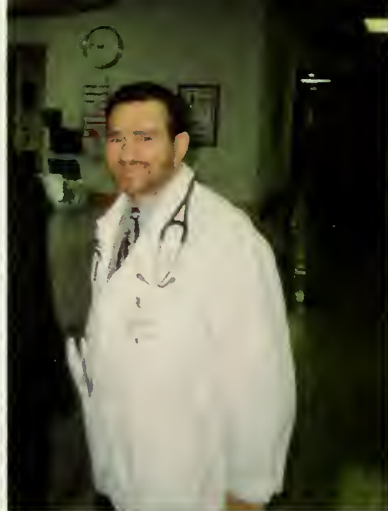




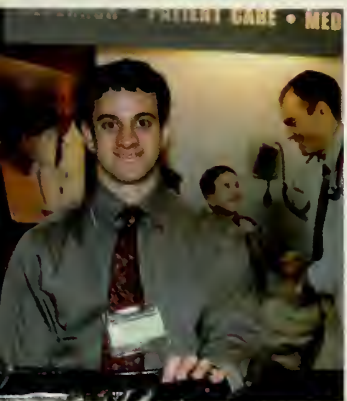




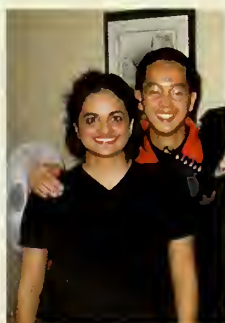




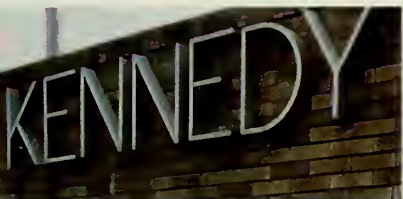
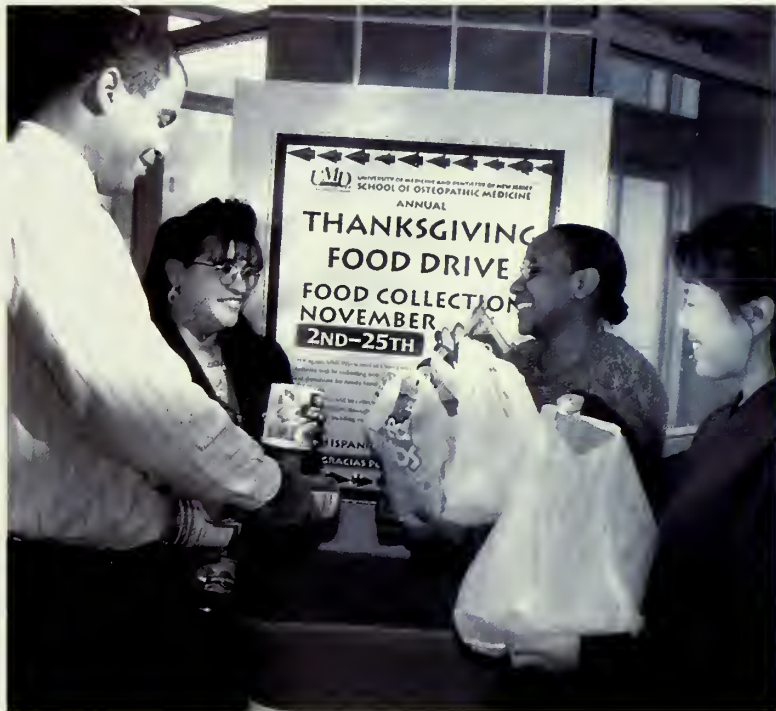
















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I had a great time in the past four years and met a lot of great people, many of whom will be life-long friends. It is somewhat melancholic that we are all going to go our separate ways after graduating and taking on different residencies. I will cherish my experience at this school and all the people that I met here. Hopefully we will all find a way to stay in touch, at least every once in a while. I'm already looking forward to a fifth year reunion. Best of luck to everyone.

— Arjang (RJ)







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To my husband,

For every time that you've encouraged me, for every time that you've held me when I was scared, for every time when you reminded me that "you can do this", and for all of the sacrifices that you've made. I thank you. This has been such a difficult journey, but being able to travel it with you has made it brighter, more special, and even bearable! You are such a joy in my life. I love you.

And to my family,

Thank you for encouraging me to pursue my dreams, and for teaching me the skills to achieve them. This has been such a long road, for all of us. Since my first graduation to my last, you have been there for me. I could not have done it without you. I love you.





## Jose R. Baez, D.O.

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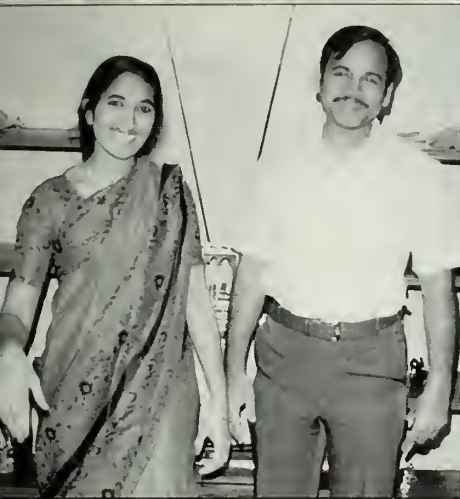
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I'll be very pleased the day that all patients receive the same medical care and the same personal treatment across the board – regardless of socioeconomic status, race, religion, or whether or not they have insurance. This sounds idealistic and we always think that it would be very difficult to render care to someone we dislike...I can tell you that medicine would be a lot more rewarding if we treated all of our patients like we would our loved ones....

I'd like to thank everyone who contributed in any way to the realization of my dream: first and foremost to my mother, Maria Padilla for so many things, Drs. Soto-Green, Krueger and Wallace; and my brother Max for always being there...as well as those I could not mention, God Bless.







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### SUCCESS

"To laugh often and much; To win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; To earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; To appreciate beauty, to find the best in others; To leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition; To know that even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson





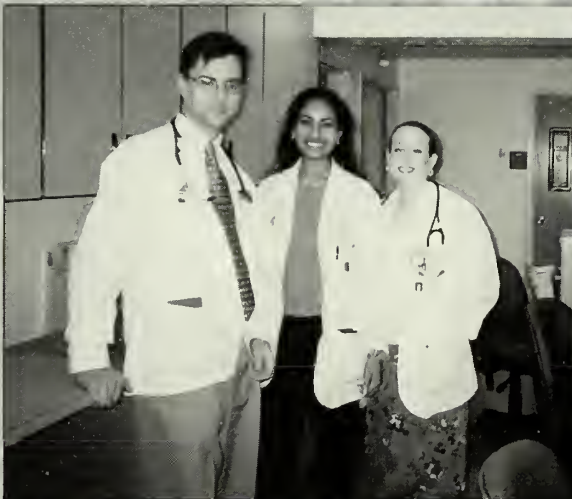
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## Joseph Bordieri, D.O.

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*NYCOM/Union Hospital  
Union, NJ*

*Family Medicine*



Thanks Mom and Dad! I love you and never could have done this without you. To my brothers Vince, Andrew and Brian: thanks for all your support. "When you're at your worst, life's kicked your ass, and you have nothing left to offer, that's when you know who your friends are." Thank God for my friends: Chris, Dan, Greg, Jen, John and Dong, you guys epitomize this statement. Thanks for being there and for all the great memories. It has truly been an honor to work with you guys and wish you nothing but the best. To Marielare, thank you for believing in me and for all your support. You brighten my life, motivate me to be the best and make me incredibly happy. I love you very much. To Lou, Sean and John, thanks for all your help and always remember "Nothing is ever easy, but anything can be done." Finally, good luck to all my fellow classmates.





## Erika D. Bradford, D.O.

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*Connecticut*  
*Farmington, CT*

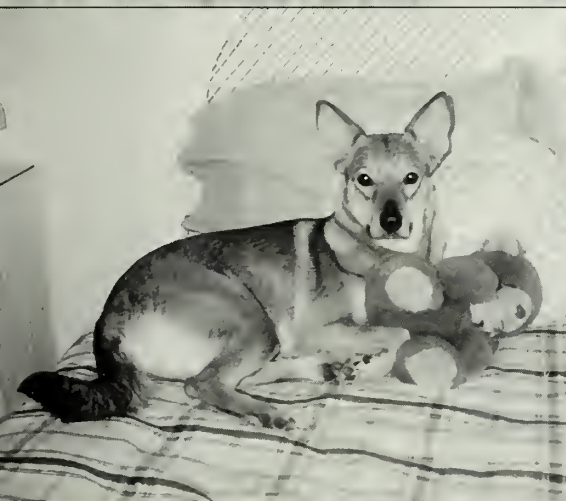
Beth, Sandra, Judy, RJ, Sean, Toah, Heba, Sat, Dave, Greg, Jen and Chris and "the track," I can't believe we made it to this point. I have truly grown to value each of your friendships and I want you all to know that...you all truly have a place in my heart and I'll miss you guys. Keep in touch.

Vince – we've made it through some tough times honey but somehow, even though things always seemed to get more difficult, our relationship only got deeper. Thank you for all your hugs and all your support.

Mom & Dad – Your love and support bring both tears to my eyes and strength to my soul. I could never possibly have made it without you and can't possibly thank you enough nor put to words my gratitude and love. So I'll just say..I love you more than that.







## Lynn Ann Butler, D.O.

*Rumson, NJ*

*B.A. • Rutgers University*

*UNECOM/University of  
Connecticut  
Farmington, CT*



"I hope you never lose your  
sense of wonder,  
You get your fill to eat but al-  
ways keep that hunger,  
May you never take one single  
breath for granted,  
God forbid love ever leave you  
empty handed.

I hope you still feel small when  
you stand beside the ocean,  
Whenever one door closes I hope  
one more opens,

Promise me that you'll give faith  
a fighting chance,  
And when you get the choice  
to sit it out or dance  
– I hope you dance."

– L.A.W.

Mom and Dad – Thank you for  
your love, support and encour-  
agement.

Greg – Thank you for always  
being there. I love you.





## Heather Cabral Silvero, D.O.

*Stillman, NJ*

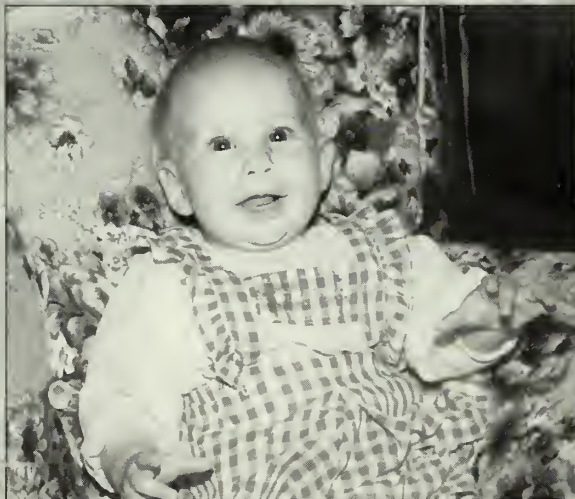
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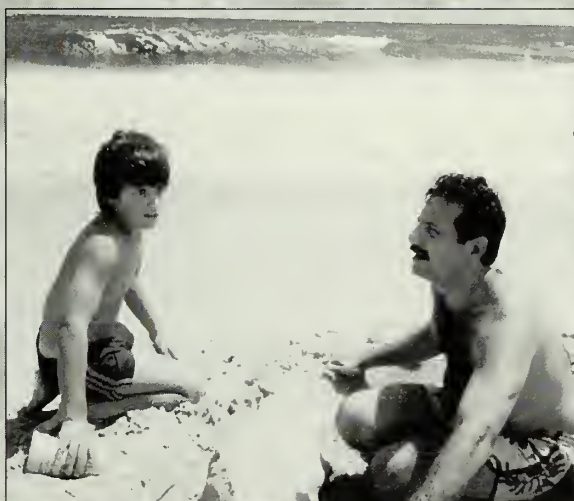
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Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.

– Proverbs 3:5-6







## Paul David Cattafi, D.O.

*Kearny, NJ*

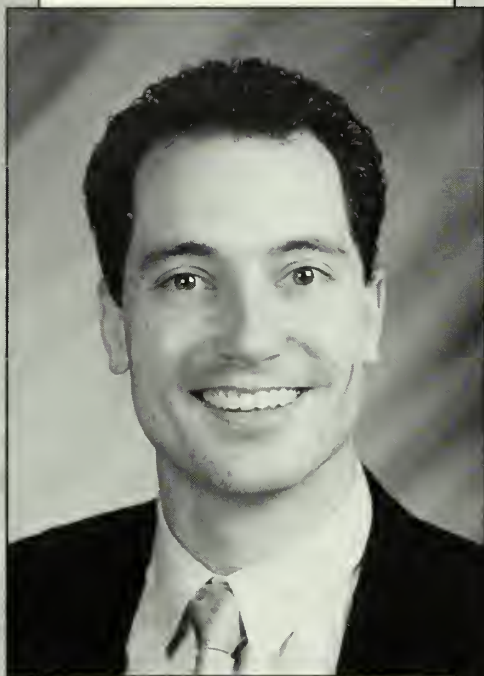
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For Dad.





## Vincent Adrian Codella, D.O.

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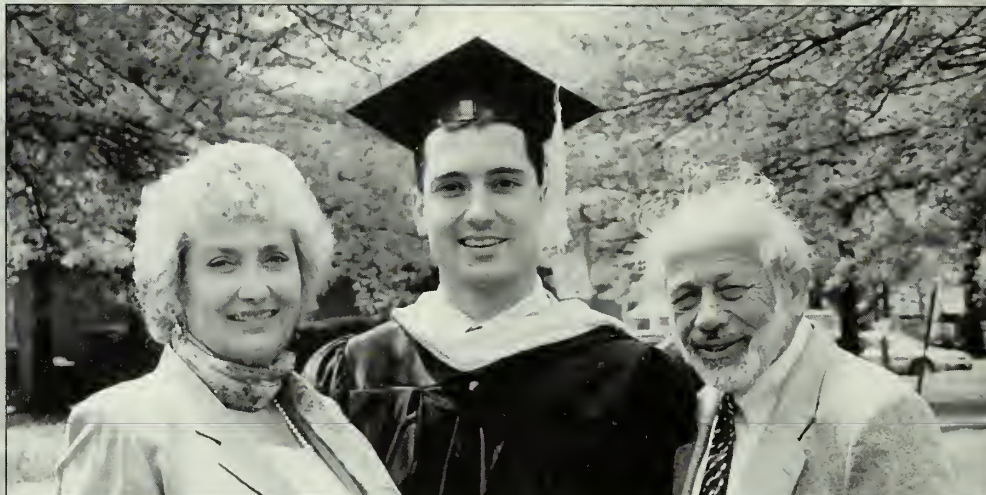
As I approach the end of medical school, I think back to what it took to get into school, the late nights studying, not going out on weekends, but what made it easier were the people in my life.

Thank you my wonderful sisters, the care packages of cookies and letters kept me going while studying. Thank you for helping me set up my apartment.

The support of my brother has been invaluable. I'm so fortunate to have you not only as a brother, but as a friend.

Lastly, thank you Debbie, my best friend and newest family member. I am so grateful that you walked into my life, and welcomed me with open arms and an open heart.

I love you all.







## Eric J. Constanzo, D.O.

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*Internal Medicine*



I just wanted to thank my family for their support, sacrifice, and unconditional love. I know I am all over the place, and you have really helped to keep me grounded and focused. To all of my friends, a special thanks. We managed to stay sane and to build some great bonds. Best of luck with all your future endeavors. Life can be challenging, but when you have a good support system and you live near the ocean, just relax, the sun will rise again. If you're lucky, you may even get to crack a few waves.

Thanks.





## Christopher L. DeMasi, D.O.

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Union, NJ*

*Family Practice*

Thank you to all those who believed in me and gave me the opportunity to fulfill my dream. Thanks to my family and friends for the support and for putting up with me . . .

This one is for you, Pop-pop . . .

“The mark of an intelligent man is that the more he learns, the more he becomes aware of how much more there is to know.”







## Navtika R. Desai, D.O.

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*B.S. • Muhlenberg College*

*UNECOM/St. Lukes Hospital  
Bethlehem, PA*

*Internal Medicine*

I want to thank my parents, my grandmother and my family for all their support, encouragement and unconditional love throughout my life. And to my friends Dhaya, Rosanne, Kristen and Anu, with whom I have shared many happy memories. I wouldn't have made it without you guys. This is definitely a lifetime dream come true. Finally, to that one special person for whom I have been waiting . . . I hope I find you soon.





## Laura Dubnoff, D.O.

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Polytechnic Institute*

*UNECOM/Warren Hospital  
Philipsburg, NJ  
Family Medicine*

To my friends and family:  
THANK YOU!!! I would have  
never survived without your love  
and support.

“A good laugh and a long sleep  
are the two best cures in the  
doctor’s book.”

– Irish Proverb







## Neveen A. Elkholy, D.O.

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*NYCOM/Union Hospital  
Union, NJ*

*Family Medicine*



Congratulations Doctors. We finally made it through medical school, even with our pregnancies (first year Anatomy, twins for me), engagements, weddings and all. If we can make it through all this, I am sure we can all make it through anything! Finally, I'd like to leave you with the following thought:

"To laugh often and much; To win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; To earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; To appreciate beauty, to find the best in others; To leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition; To know that even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson





## Jessica Eden Fazekas, D.O.

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*Medical Center*

*Brooklyn, NY*

*Traditional Rotating*

Three life lessons I learned during medical school:

"Self-confidence is the first requisite to great undertakings."

— Dr. Samuel Johnson

"Love all, trust few, do wrong to none."

— Shakespeare

"We may lose or we may win but we'll never be here again . . ."

— Eagles







## Victor Fontana, D.O.

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*Jersey City, NJ*

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Thanks to my family and friends  
for always being there for me.

Good luck Class of 2001!

Don't stop laughing!





## Vincent P. Franze, D.O.

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*B.A. • Johns Hopkins  
University*

*NYCOM/Union Hospital  
Traditional Rotating*

Thanks to all my friends and classmates. I hope we keep in touch and remain friends throughout life. To my family: I couldn't have made it without your love and support. Thanks to all the professors, attendings and staff that have served as role models in both medicine and life. Erika, school was worth it just to meet you - ILY. Beth and broccoli - you're the coolest; Dave, Sean and Greg - "Brandy... brandy!" I hope we party like rock stars together in the future; Sat and Heba - the 3rd floor will always be our wrestling ground; RJ - conventions were a trip - "Yeah, baby!"; Sandra - my lemon chucking Chika; Judy, my favorite homegirl from NC; Paul - 2 words my friend- GNC slug! Kwanzza - you're pretty cool - for a democrat; Tiff, Lynn, Chris and Jen, Max and Jose, I couldn't have better peers and friends. Keep in touch-vincentfranze@hotmail.com







## David Gealt, D.O.

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Carolina at Chapel Hill*

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Stratford, NJ*

*Family Medicine*

"No matter how overwhelmed  
one may be, don't forget to enjoy  
life whenever you can."

I would like to wish the Class of  
2001 the best of luck in the fu-  
ture. I have made life-long  
friendships and met great people  
the past 4 years and I just want to  
thank you – it made getting  
through these last 4 years alot  
easier.







## Pauline Germaine, D.O.

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*UMDNJ-SOM/KHS*

*Stratford, NJ*

*Internal Medicine*

Many, many thanks to my family and friends for helping me along the way. Special thank you to my dear husband, Gene and daughter, Hannah. You were my help and inspiration through the years. I could not have done it without you.







Jennifer C.  
Gilbert, D.O.

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## Heba S. Girgis, D.O.

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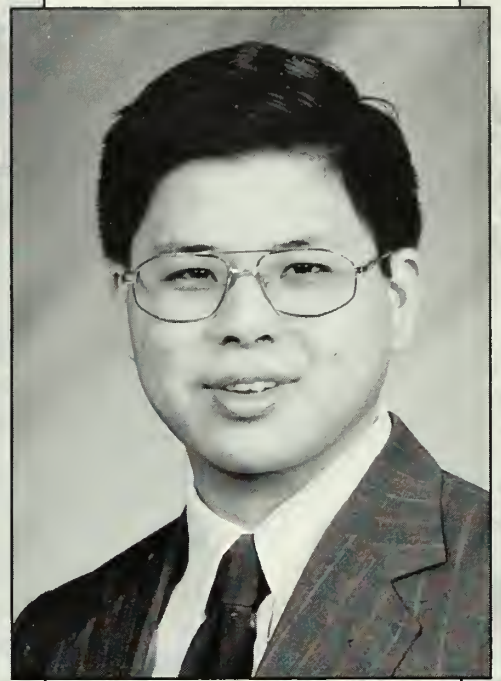
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*Internal Medicine*

I would like to thank my Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ for holding my hand in my journey through medical school. I draw my strength from You. I thank my father and mother for being my endless support. You could not have been more sacrificial, understanding or patient. I could not have made it without you. I love you tremendously. To my brother, thank you for your comfort, sense of humor and our late-night chats. I love you. To Noha and Dalia - my best friends - may we never settle or give up on our dreams, and may we always stay close to God and each other. Sean, Satyen, Arjang, Dave, Erica S., Vince, Erika, Rachna and Eric, I'll always remember you. To SOM: Thank you, for now I am wiser and stronger.







## Roderick Go, D.O.

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## Satyen Govan, D.O.

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*Stratford, NJ*

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Hard to believe that 4 more years have come and gone... Thanks Mom and Dad for all the support that you gave me, especially during the tough times. Thanks to the people that accepted me here and gave me this opportunity. Thanks Hebs for being such a good pal, and to my classmates, thanks for the memories. Goodbye and God Bless...







## Jennifer Ann Graf, D.O.

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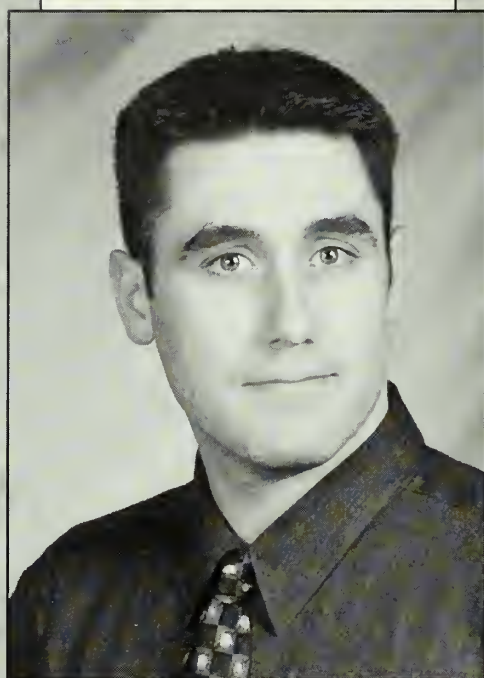
The sun is high,  
The road is wide.  
And it starts  
where we are standing.

No one knows  
How far it goes,  
For the road is never-ending.  
— Piglet

I would like to thank my loving husband, Keith, and my parents, Joe and Judy, for all the love and support that they have given me. I could not have done it without you! To the class of 2001, good luck with all your dreams!







**Richard  
Greco, D.O.**

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Stratford, NJ  
Family Medicine*

Forgetaboutit!







## Hany Clark Ibrahim, D.O.

*Vernon, NJ*

*B.S. • East Carolina  
University*

*University Health System  
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Thanks to my wife, my son, and my mother for all their support. I will miss all the friends I have made in the student body, staff and faculty. I wish everyone the best of luck, and God Bless.





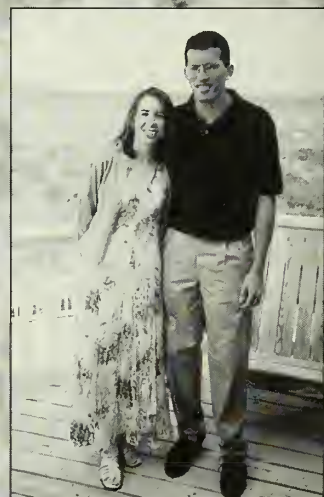


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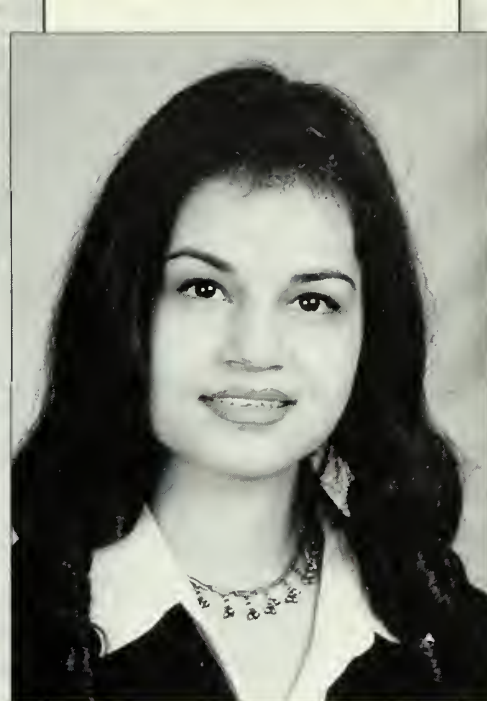
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*Maimonides Medical Center  
Brooklyn, NY*







## Jaspreet Kaur, D.O.

*Voorhees, NJ*

*B.A. • Rutgers University*

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Stratford, NJ*

Mom and Dad, special thanks to you for your love, support and encouragement. Thank you for keeping me humble...for showing me what matters most in life...and for making me the person I am.

Amrita, there's no way I would have made it through without you. I love you. Charlie, I owe you for the movies and the wonderful entertainment. Thank you to all my relatives, who fill my life with light and laughter.

To all my friends – thanks for making medical school enjoyable...wishing you health and happiness as you pursue medicine.





Jaime  
Kaweblum, D.O.

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*M.R.T.S. • Beth Medrash  
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Best wishes. Love you all.







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*Christiana, DE*

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"If you can imagine it, you can achieve it. If you can dream it, you can become it."

— William Arthur Ward







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*"80% of success is showing up."*

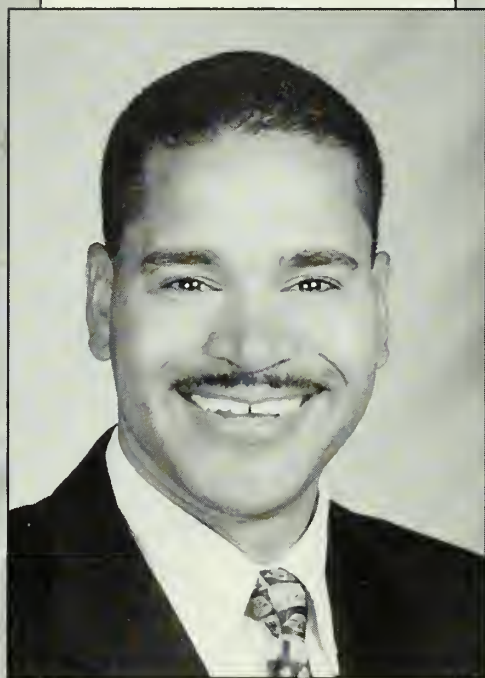
*– Woody Allen*

*"Better late than never."*

*– Heather Livezy*







## Max Lataillade, D.O.

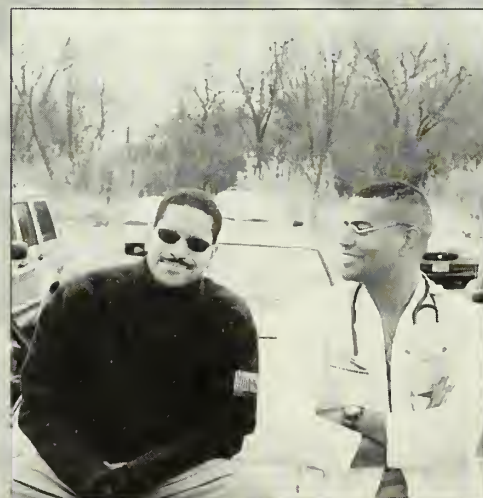
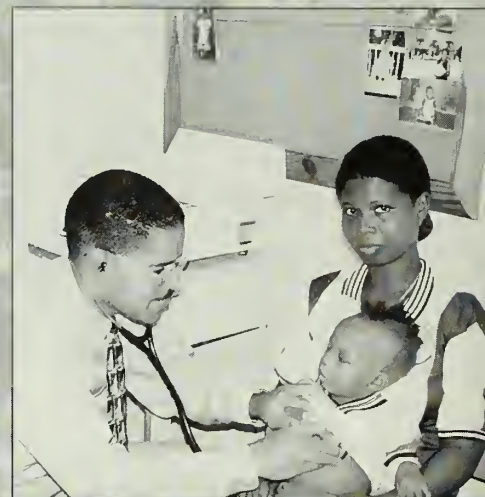
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Center*

*Drexel Hill, PA*

Doctoring is not new to my family, but I am especially proud to be the first D.O. of the family. I wish my father, Guy Lataillade, was alive to witness my graduation from medical school. I would like to thank my mother, Jacqueline Lataillade, and my brothers Guy and Ralph for all their love, advice and support. I thank my godmother Judith B. Scholz for having been such a positive influence in my life. Another person who will be missing at my graduation is Micheline Polynice Celestin, whom I wish was here to witness this day as she was expecting so much. To my friend and brother Jose Baez, all those hours of studying finally paid off!" last but not least, I would like to thank Christine Denis Lataillade, who began this journey as my girlfriend and recently became my wife. Thank you for your love and affection, patience and unconditional support.







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"Never let school interfere with  
your education."

– Mark Twain







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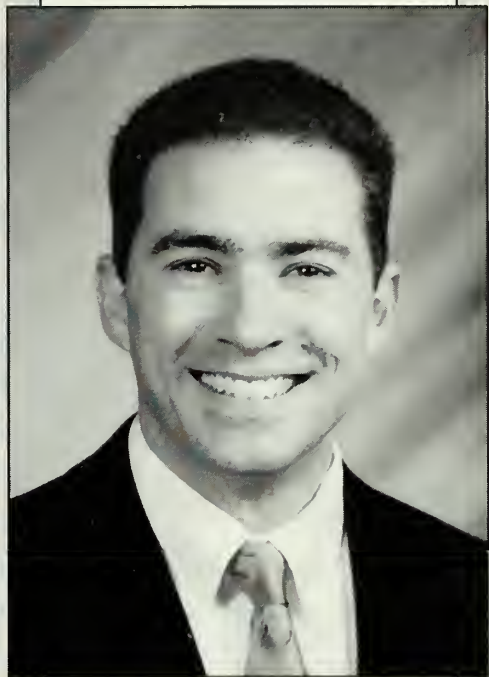
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“When you get to the end of your  
rope, tie a knot and hang on.”

– Franklin D. Roosevelt





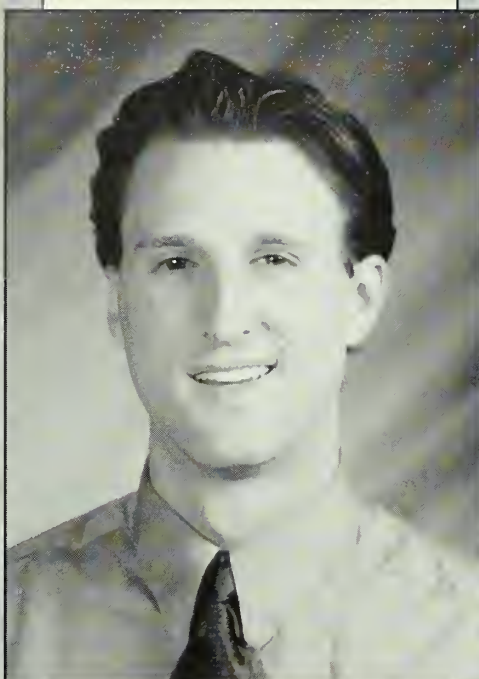


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*Columbia-Plaza*  
*Medical Center,*  
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## Jeffrey M. Mazure, D.O.

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*Stratford, NJ*

*Family Medicine*

To Gerry, Stef and Judi –  
Thank you for being there for me  
during both the happy and tough  
times. We had a great four years  
together and hopefully our  
friendships will continue in the  
future.

To Pam –  
You have been my best friend  
and companion during most of  
my time here. Thank you for all  
your love and support. Always  
remember that I love you.

To Mom, Dad, Dave, Tracy and  
Ken –  
Thank you for all your love and  
support during medical school. I  
know it was tough at times, but it  
is greatly appreciated and will  
never be forgotten. I love you all.







## Tiffanie D. Mick, D.O.

*Malaga, NJ*

*B.A. • Drew University*

*UMDNJ-SOM/KHS*

*Stratford, NJ*

*Pediatrics*

To my family and friends,  
Thank you for your unwavering  
support and for all of your pa-  
tience.

Mom, Dad, Fred, Steph, Marina,  
Jaime (and of course AsheLeigh)  
... I love you all. Thanks for al-  
ways reminding me what is really  
important in life.

To the Class of 2001...Lots of  
luck in all that you do.

Let the journey continue...







## Marcia Charmin Mierez, D.O.

*Miami, FL*

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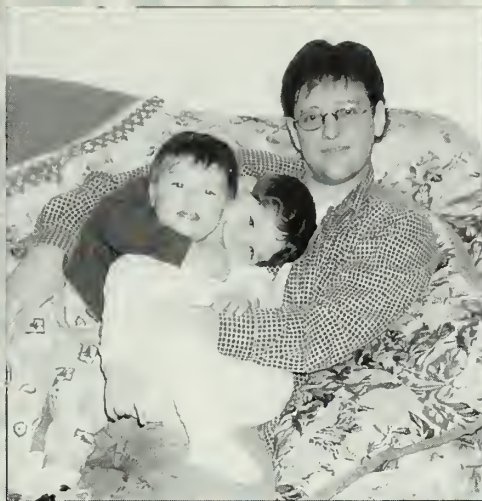
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*Family Practice*

Thank you Jesus -For bringing me safely, lovingly through this journey. For every mountain You brought me over, for every trial You have seen me through, I Thank You Lord. Thank you mom for your love, support, encouragement and beautiful spirit. Your strength and grace enable me to reach for my dreams and fly. You are my wings, Mom. I love you. To my family, thanks for supporting me and loving me. I love you. My friends - NJ crew, I love you all. To my classmates, my love goes with you all, now let's heal this world. My church family, Dr. Wallace, Dean Humphrey, UMDNJ staff - I thank you for your support. Dad, I am saddened because your death has caused you to miss witnessing the fruition of our dream. Your little girl has made it. I love you. God, you have blessed me tremendously. Help me to bless humanity.







## Alejandro Morales, D.O.

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Stratford, NJ*

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“There is a difference between knowing the path and walking the path.”

– Morpheus, *The Matrix*, 1999

Thank you to my wife GERALYN, and my children Alexander III and Matheo, my parents Alexander Sr. and Becky Morales, and my brothers Ricardo and Roberto. Your love and support have made it possible to walk the path to my dreams. I am proud that you are my family.

– Alex Morales Jr. '01







## Julie Anne Moran, D.O.

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Farmington, CT*

*Primary Care/  
Internal Medicine*

This is our purpose; to make as meaningful as possible this life that has been bestowed upon us, to live in such a way that we may be proud of ourselves; to act in such a way that some part of us lives on... - O.S.

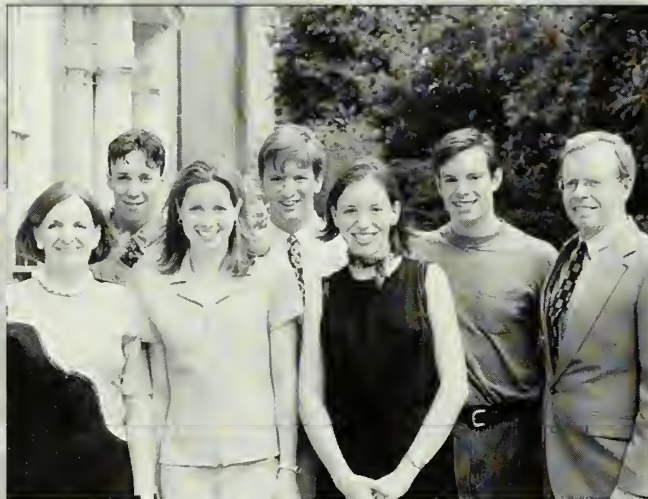
To Mom, Dad, Maria and Brendan - thank you for your love, support and encouragement. I love you all - you are my heroes.

To Rich - thank you for being my best friend and all my needs answered. You are everything - I love you.

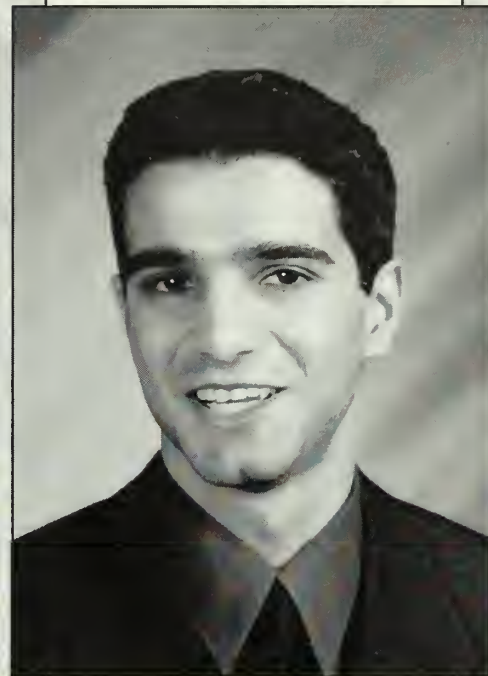
To my grandmothers - from whom I've learned so much by simply watching them live their lives.

To my classmates & friends - best of luck to you all. Thanks for all the memories. I hope all your dreams come true.

Love, Julie.







## Sean Naini, D.O.

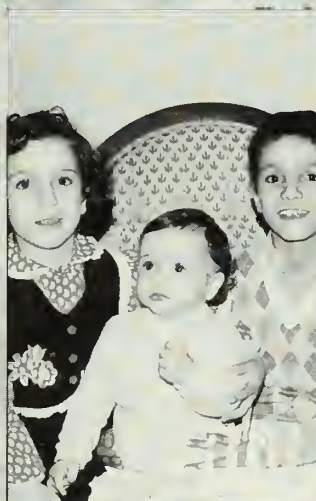
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Johnson*

*Piscataway, NJ*

*Internal Medicine*



Mom and Dad,

Without your help and support I would never be here. I love you both very much.

All my friends over the past 4 years - Heba, RJ, Sandra, Dave, Eric, Hany, Sat, Vince and Erika, I couldn't have done this without you. I'll miss you all very much. I hope we continue our friendships for years to come.

It's been challenging, exciting, at times maybe a bit tedious, but I think at the end it was all worthwhile.





## Elisabeth Ann Nepomuceno, D.O.

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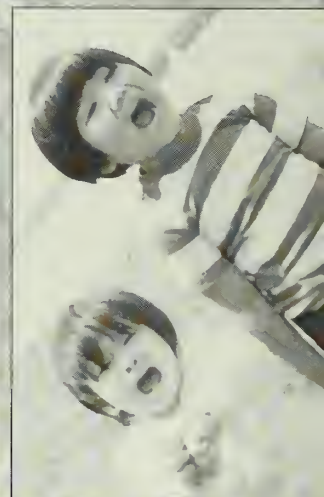
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"Love is the true means by which  
the world is enjoyed; our love to  
others and other's love to us!"

— Thomas Traherne

To my family and Jason:  
Although the road to medicine is  
long and challenging, the journey  
has been easier because I have  
been lucky and blessed to have  
your love and support to guide me  
along the way. Thank you for  
always being there and for all the  
sacrifices you have made to make  
this all possible. I love you with  
all my heart.







## Toah Adzua Nkromah, D.O.

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*Pediatrics*



I knew I would endure great stress and attain great volumes of knowledge, but I never imagined how much I would grow and learn about myself. These 4 years were hard but I learned valuable lessons and chose to stand for better principles with each bad experience. I've developed strength within myself, not only to get through exams, but through life, death and relationships. I've acquired strength from others, my best friends Funmilayo and Zendra kept me involved in life outside medicine, my family supported me and I value and treasure them, Gregory and Johvonne added joy and hope when I needed it most, and my SNMA family and supporters gave me purpose, but more importantly, comfort and many reasons to keep smiling!





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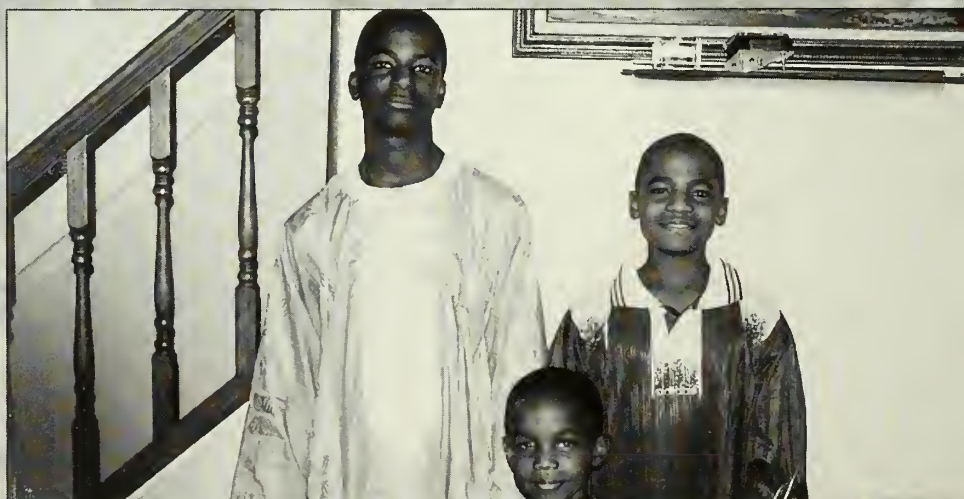
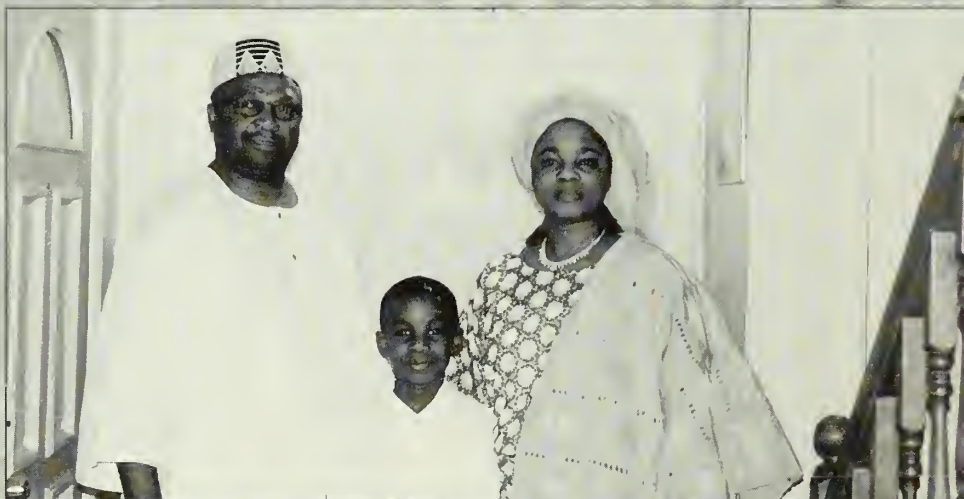
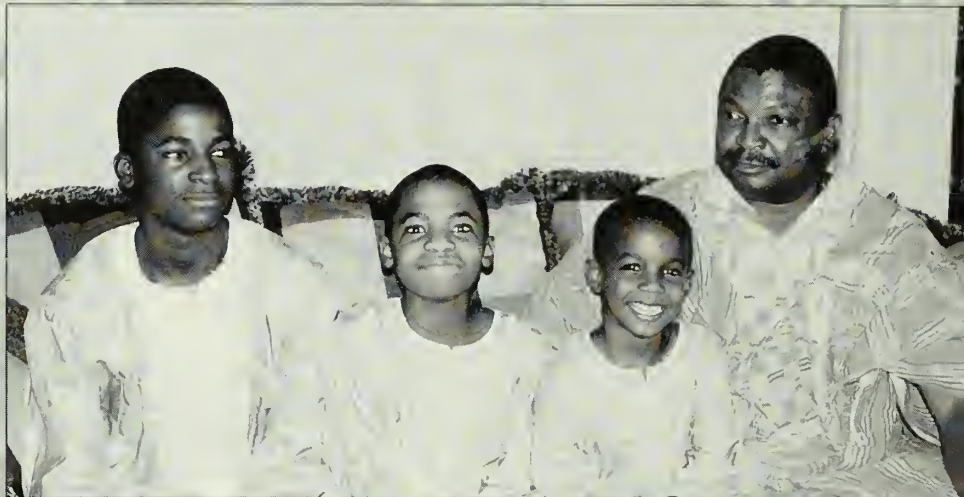
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Good luck.







## Denny James Pacheco, D.O.

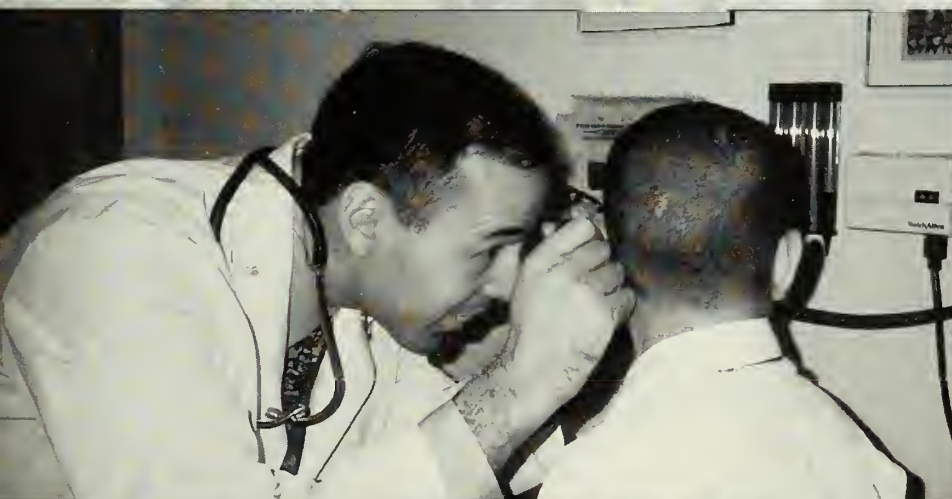
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*M.A. • Lehman College*



How does one become a good doctor? As I understand it, a good doctor is one who is shrewd in diagnosis and wise in treatment; but more than that, he is a person who never spares himself in the interest of his patients; and in addition he is a man who studies the patient not only as a case but also as an individual...The good doctor, whether general practitioner or specialist, is also a man who studies the patient's personality as well as his disease.

— Hugh Cairns  
1819–1855







## Sejal Parikh, D.O.

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*UNECOM/Warren Hospital  
Phillipsburg, NJ*

*Family Practice*

For my beloved Mom and Daddy: You mean everything to me! Thank you for your endless love, support, faith and friendship. I love you always, I treasure you always.

For my husband, my love: You are my dearest friend and my greatest strength. You are my heart. Thank you Angel for the most precious gift of your love. I love you always, I cherish you always.

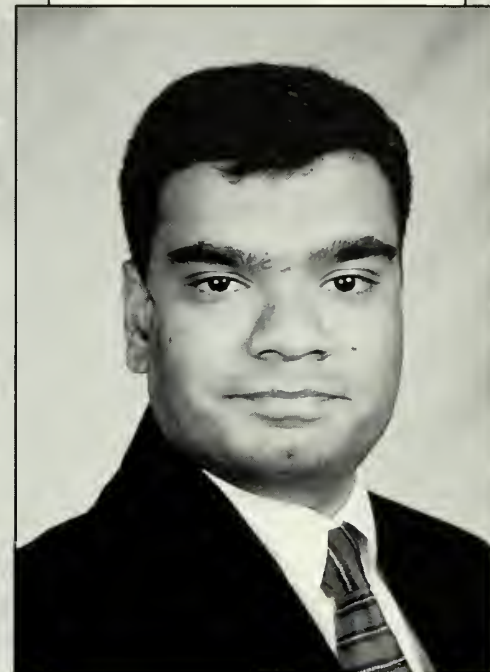
For my dear classmates: "Cherish your visions, cherish your ideals, cherish the music that stirs in your head, the beauty that forms in your mind, the loveliness that drapes your purest thoughts, for out of them will grow delightful conditions, all heavenly environment, of these if you but remain true to them your world will at last be built."

— James Allen

Congratulations Class of 2001!







## Jatinchandra Patel, D.O.

*Edison, NJ*

*B.S. • Richard Stockton  
College*

*NYCOM/Union Hospital  
Union, NJ*

*Internal Medicine*

"In God we trust, in family we believe, in medicine we serve, in life we love."

— Jatin Patel, 2001

This neverending adventure is finally over. The past eight years have been some of the best times in my life. However, they were also very hard times and at times they even seemed impossible. One thing is for sure, they would not have been possible without the support of my family. I would like to thank my father, Suryakant, and mother, Kiran for their encouragement. I would also like to thank my little sister Rajui, for always putting a smile on my face!





## Manish Patel, D.O.

*Maple Shade, NJ*

*B.S. • SUNY at Stonybrook*

*UMDNJ-SOM/KHS*

*Family Medicine*

As we come to the conclusion of our medical school careers, I cannot help but think of those who made it possible. Foremost, I would like to thank my mother, Shakuntalaben, brothers, Himesh and Amit, and sister-in-law Mamtabhabhi, for their loving support, without which the past 4 years would have been more grueling. I would also like to thank my maternal uncle, Dr. Kirtikumar Patel, for his support and guidance. And last, I would like to thank my friends for helping to preserve some semblance of my sanity through these years. I wish them and the class of 2001 a very bright, happy and successful future.







**Anthony Enrico  
Pucci, D.O.**

*Glen Rock, NJ*

*B.S. • Montclair State  
University*

*Morristown Memorial  
Hospital  
Upper Montclair, NJ  
General Surgery*







Mark  
Reznik, D.O.

*Old Bridge, NJ*

*B.A. • Rutgers University*

*NYCOM/Long Beach Medical  
Center*

*Long Beach, NY*

*Traditional Rotating*

"It is not in the stars to hold our  
destiny but in ourselves."

— William Shakespeare

Mom and Dad,  
Thank you for all of your love,  
support and encouragement.







## Kwandaa M. Roberts, D.O.

*Philadelphia, PA*

*M.S. • Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine*

*UMDNJ-SOM/KHS*

*Stratford, NJ*

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To my Mother: You have taught me to be strong, but compassionate. You have taught me that if I follow my dreams, anything is possible. Thank you for all of your love, support and encouragement. Thank you for being my biggest fan and best FRIEND!

To my SOM Soul Sisters: Bolanle, Chandra, Flo, Johvonne, LaToya, Marcia, Regina, Toah: Thank you for being there throughout times of joy and sadness. Thank you for feeding me when I was hungry, taking care of me when I was sick, making me laugh until I cried and dance (with my eyes closed) til I dropped. I am blessed to call you my friends. I'd be honored to call you my doctor. Paula: Thank you for giving me a place to release all of my frustrations (your office). You were my confidant and your selflessness will never be forgotten.

Dr. Wallace: Thank you for giving me the opportunity to fulfill my dreams and the encouragement to succeed.





## Rachna V. Saxena, D.O.

*Basking Ridge, NJ*

*B.A. • Rutgers University*

*NYCOM/Union Hospital  
Union, NJ*

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Dear Mom, Dad and Vikram,  
Thank you for all your love and  
support over the past four years.  
I couldn't have made it through  
without you.

Sonia and Neerga, You are not  
only my sisters but my best  
friends. I love you both.

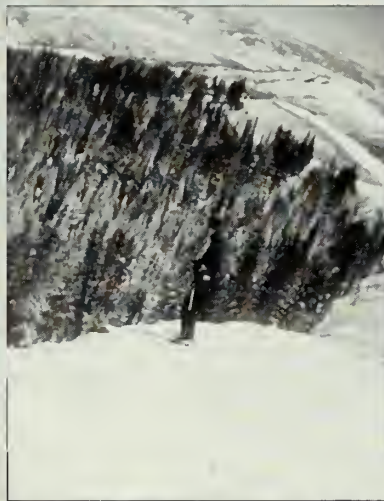
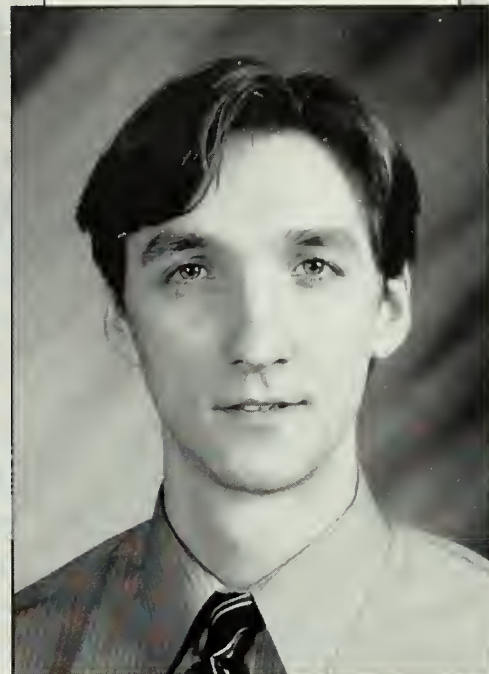
Geoff, It's finally my turn to take  
YOU out! May we remain  
friends forever.

Gretchen, What can I say but 2  
initials...E.Z.

Tiffanie, Lynn and Paul, To all  
the good times we have shared.  
Hopefully there are more to  
come.







## Christopher Schaefer, D.O.

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Schwika, D.O.

*Mt. Laurel, NJ*

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*Internal Medicine*







## Catherine Thérèse Dunleavy Shoff, D.O.

*Berlin, NJ*

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*Wilfred Hall Medical Center  
San Antonio, TX*

*Internal Medicine*



All my thanks and gratitude to the family and friends who supported me for the past 4 years: To my family for their endless encouragement, patience and love - I couldn't have survived without them. To my friends for their understanding and patience when I couldn't always be there for them, even though they were always there for me. To my "partners in crime" in the 2nd to last row of 2nd year classroom - thanks for the laughs! But most of all, to my husband Eamon, who made a difficult 4 years bearable. He provided for me in so many ways - a shoulder to cry on, a pat on the back, many hot meals, and many words of encouragement; but mostly someone with whom to share my disappointments, my "tragedies", triumphs, accomplishments and of course ALL MY LOVE Eamon - you truly are my "bestest" friend! "A journey of a thousand miles starts with a single step."  
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## Florence C. Spitler, D.O.

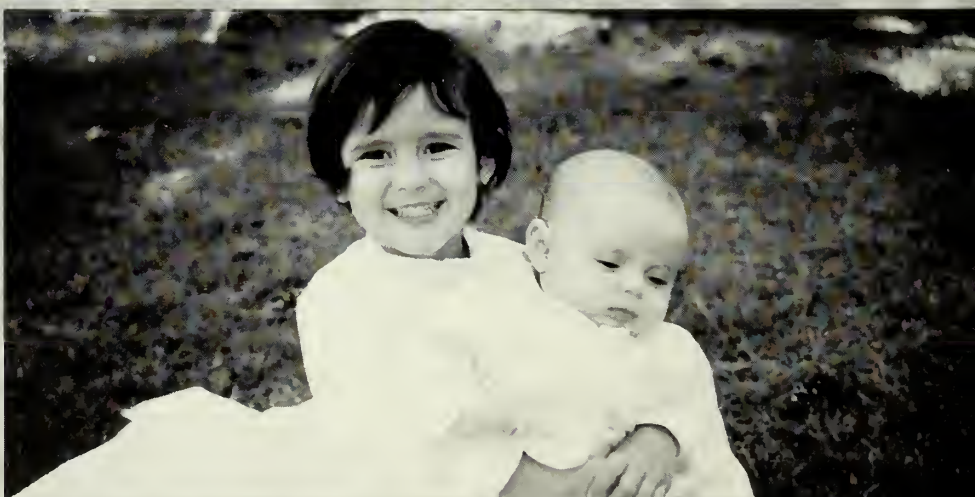
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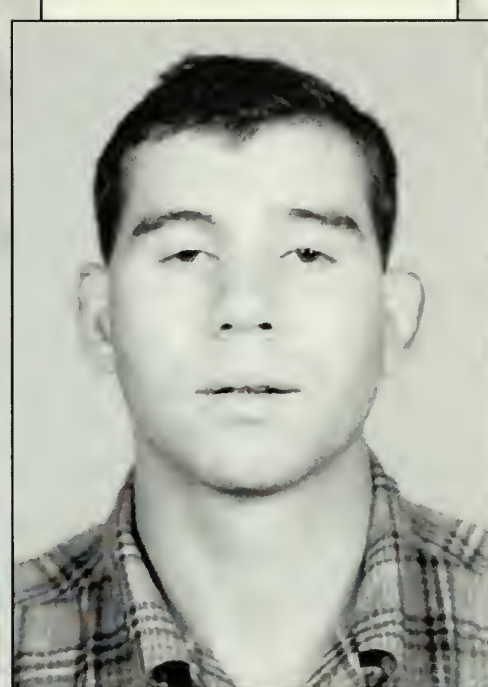
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*Family Medicine*

Becoming a physician has always been a life-long dream of mine, and it has been one of my finest accomplishments. Major accomplishments in one's life usually happen only with the assistance of others. Becoming a physician would not have been possible for me without the ever-loving support of my husband and mother. Jim has always been there for me spiritually, emotionally and physically, whenever I needed him. We've been married over 7 years, and he's never known me when I haven't been a student. He's quit his work and moved to different states so that I may pursue my education. Jim has been a marvelous father to our 2 daughters, Sarah and Emily. There are no words to thank him enough for all his love, patience and support. I thank Mom for the love, courage and financial support she gave me. I thank Dr. Wallace and the Admissions Committee for this opportunity. I ask the Lord to guide me in the care of my patients.







Jeff A.  
Summerhill,  
D.O.

*Arkadelphia, AR*  
*M.S. • Barry University*  
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"What's time to a hogg?"





Erica Sun, D.O.

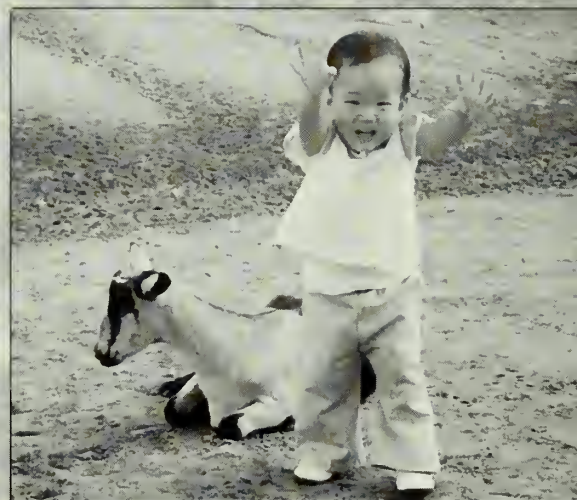
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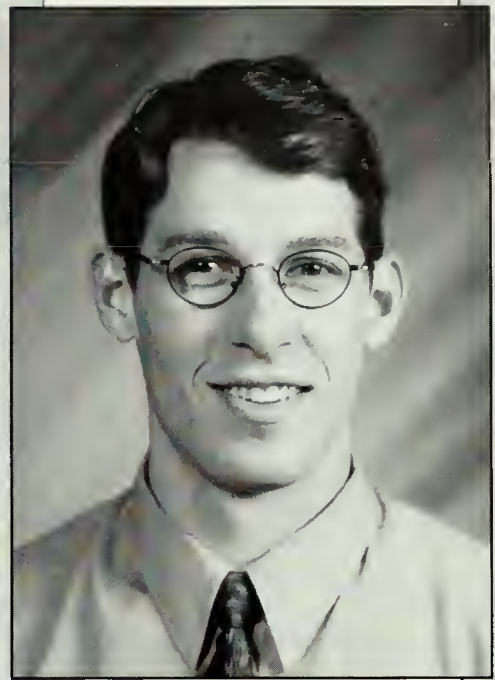
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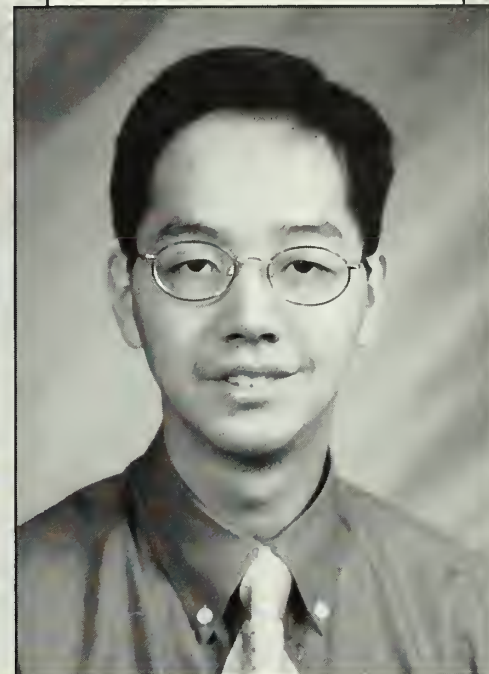
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*Family Practice*

Thank you to my family, Mom,  
Dad and Jeff for all of your sup-  
port. Dana - I love you - couldn't  
have made it without you.







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Trang, D.O.

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## Sandra Sermin Ugras, D.O.

*Northvale, NJ*

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Hospital  
Bronx, NY*

*Emergency Medicine*

Dad and Mom, how can I begin to thank you for my entire life in this short message? You have given me all that it takes to soar in life, and I hope to earn your pride in all my endeavors. I love you!

Steven, thanks for being the best brother ever. Don't read what I write to Scott.

Stacey - you remind me of myself in so many ways. How can I help but love you?!

Scott, thanks for being the best brother ever. Don't read what I wrote to Steve.

And my classmates - As a wise man once told me, "The body will not dissect itself." So let's do this. We laughed and cried together. Thanks for the best and worst of times! I loved it the whole time...in retrospect, of course.







## Thalia Vasiliades, D.O.

*Cherry Hill, NJ*

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*Family Medicine*



Mom and Dad, I can't begin to thank you enough for all that you've done for me. What a joyful life I've had because you made growing up so much fun and so filled with love. I'll never forget those days, and I'll always love you both for giving them to me.

"It's our parents who teach us who we are and help us dream of what we can be."

– Author Unknown

Class of 2001: "So...you're off to great places. Today is your day. Your mountain is waiting, so...get on your way."

– Dr. Suess

To my friends: "As long as there is friendship, we'll remain friends forever."

– Author Unknown





# Tracey Beth Verrico, D.O.

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*M.S. • Rutgers University*  
*UNTHSC at TCOM*  
*Fort Worth, TX*  
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To all of you who have supported  
me to attain my dream . . . Thank  
you!







**Judith A.  
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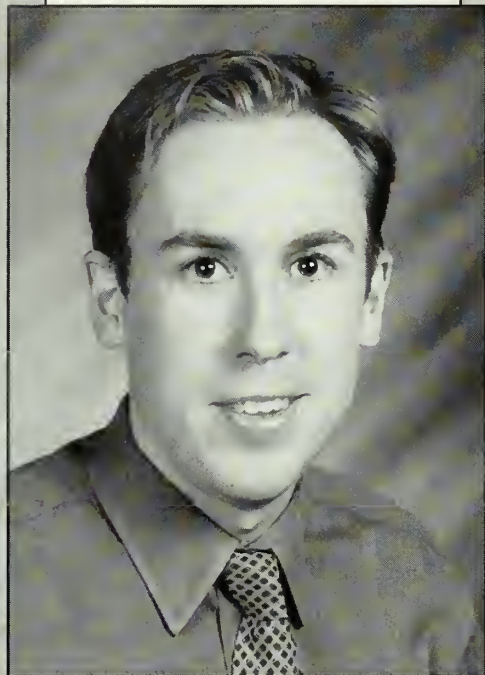
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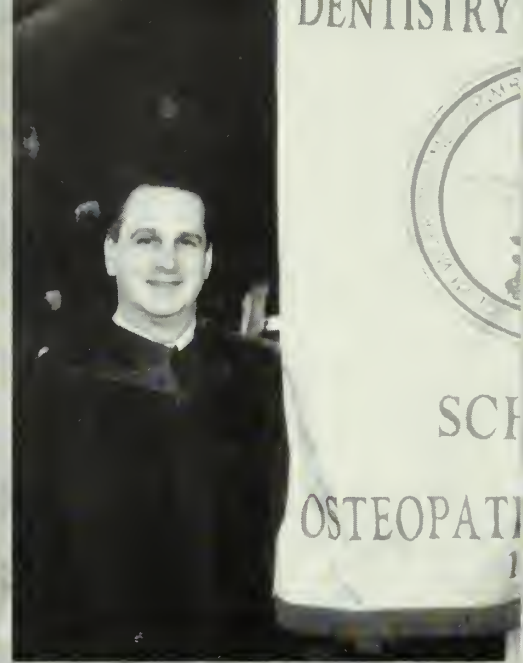
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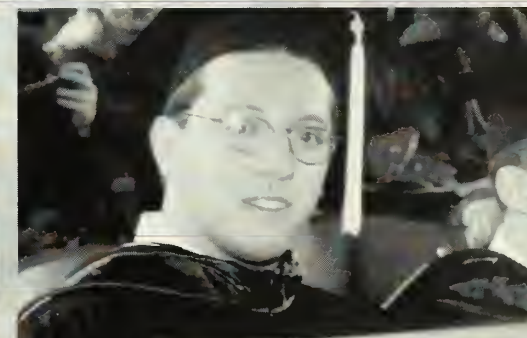
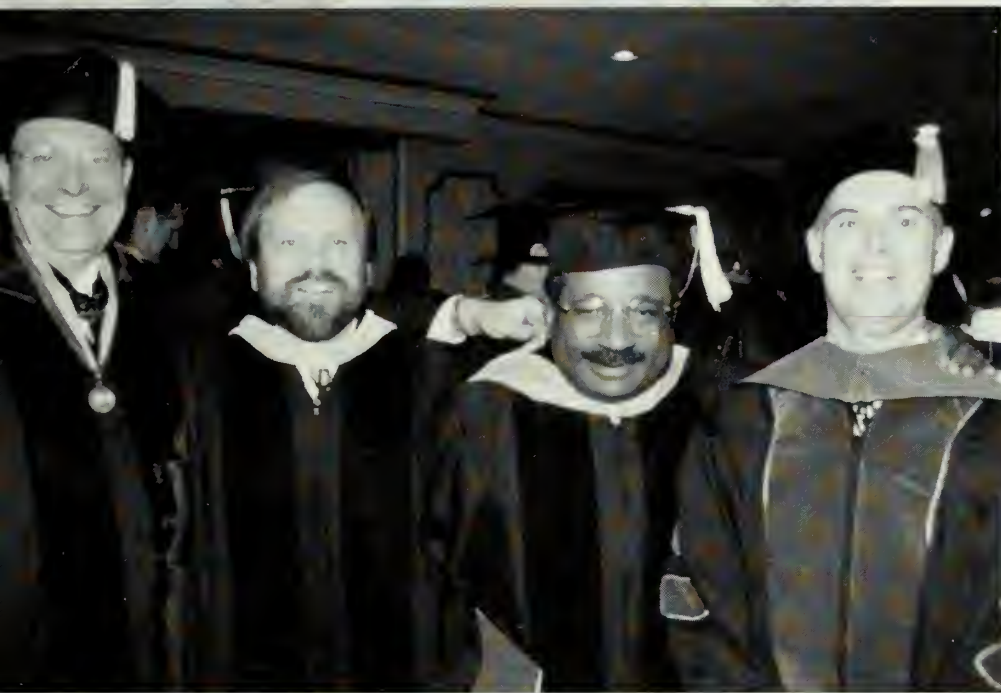




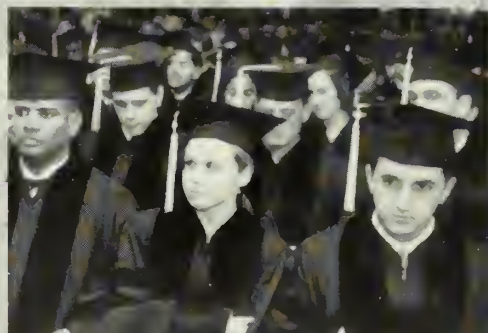




















*Dear Class of 2001,*

*The four years have gone by much faster than we could have ever imagined. We have changed from novice first years to confident physicians. This book was put together to help us all remember the adventure we have shared, not that any of us could ever forget the memories made at UMDNJ-SOM.*

*We would like to thank Dean Micciche and Veronica-Anu Coia for all the hard work they have put into this project. We would also like to thank the members of the yearbook committee and other classmates who participated in putting the yearbook together. The yearbook would not be possible without your help.*

*We hope that you enjoy looking through the yearbook in years to come. We enjoyed putting it together. Good Luck!!*

*Your Yearbook Co-editors,*

*Thalia & Laura*







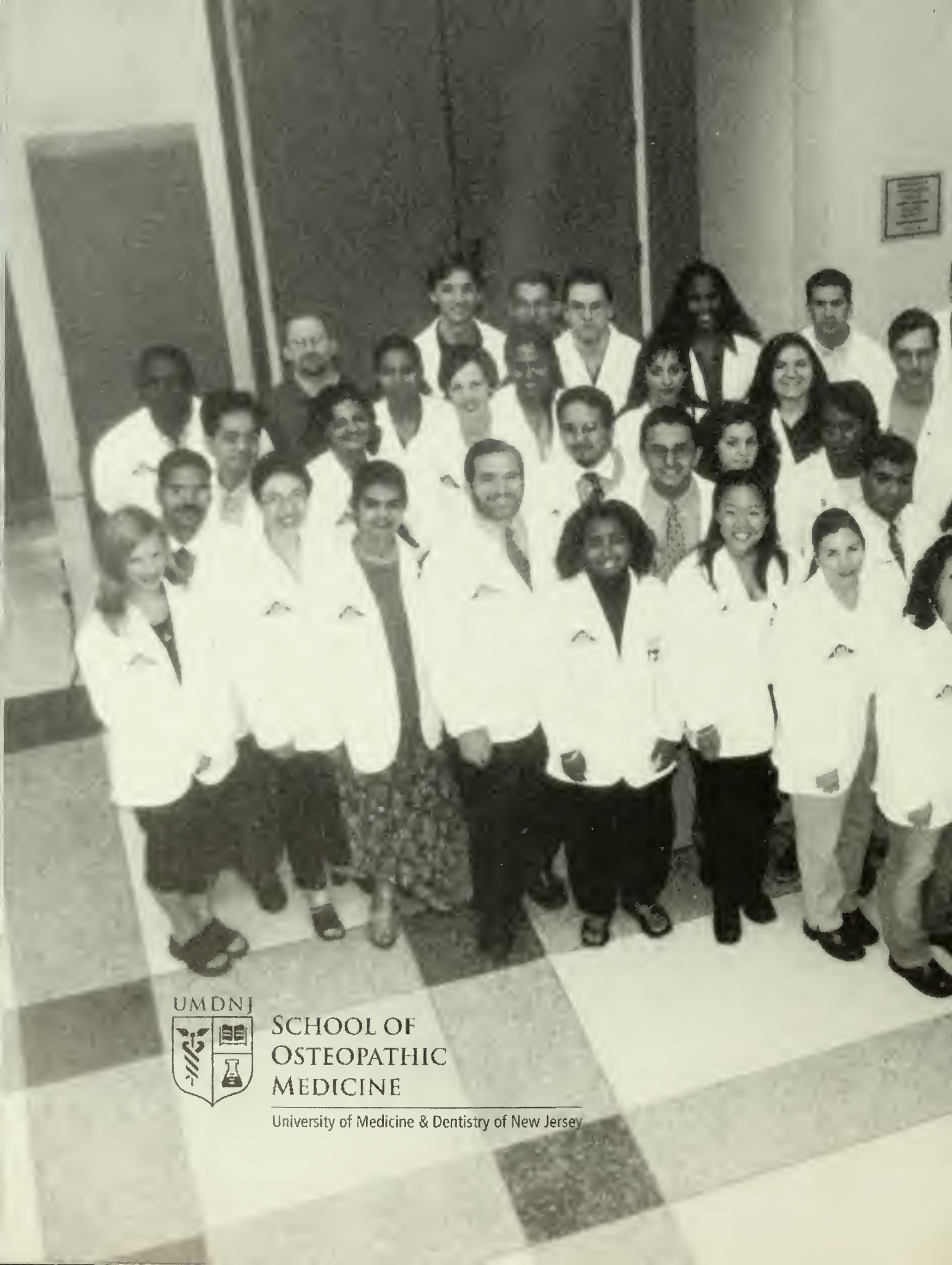












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